GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:132
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CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN UNORGANISED SECTOR
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Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has conducted any study/survey for creation of more employment opportunities in the unorganised sector;

(b) if so,the outcome thereof alongwith the steps taken by the Government in this regard;

(c) the safety, medical and other welfare measures implemented for the labourers/ workers engaged in the unorganised sector during each of the last three years and the current year;and

(d) the number of labourers/workers benefited therefrom during the said period, State-wise and year-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI OSCAR FERNANDES)

(a) to (d): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) to (d) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 132 BY SHRI HARISINH CHAVDA REGARDING CREATION OF EMPLOYMENT IN UNORGANISED SECTOR FOR REPLY ON 27TH OCTOBER, 2008.

(a) & (b) According to the survey conducted by National Sample Survey Organisation (NSSO) in 1999- 2000, total employment in both organised and unorganised sector in the country was 39.7 crore, of which 36.9 crore (about 93%) was in the unorganised sector. As per the NSSO survey in 2004-05, the total number of workers in the country had risen to 45.9 crore out of which 43.3 crore were in the unorganised sector which constitute around 94% of the work force.

Approach to the Eleventh Five Year Plan is to improve labour productivity in the unorganised sector besides other objectives. It aims at making employment generation an integral part of the growth process and seeks to devise strategies to accelerate not only growth of employment but also the wages of the poorly paid.Efforts have been made to identify and implement systemic reforms in administration of Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) so as to facilitate closer interaction with the industry in order to improve quality of training, make the graduates better employable and help them earn decent wages.

(c) & (d) The Government is implementing various social `security schemes/programmes for workers in the unorganised sector like Swarnjayamti Gram Swarojgar Yojana;Sampoorna Grameert Rojgar Yojana; Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana ; Ulandloom Weavers` Comprehensive Welfare Schemes, Handicraft Artisan`s Comprehensive Welfare Schemes, Janshree Bima Yojana, etc. through different Ministries/ Departments. The allocation is made separately for the respective schemes under respective Ministries/Departments. There is no consolidated allocation of funds for social security schemes for unorganised sector workers. During 2007-08, the Government announced three more schemes:The `Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana`,formally launched on 01.10.2007,provides for smart card based cashless health insurance cover of Rs 30,000/- to the BPL workers and their families (a unit of five). The benefits under the scheme would accrue during 2008-09. The proposals prepared by the State Governments are sent to the Central Government for approval. Under the `Aam Admi Biimi Yojana`, launched in October, 2007 Rural Landless households between the age group of 18 to 59 years are eligible for death and disability cover under the scheme. The scheme has a component of awarding scholarship to two children of the beneficiaries studying in 9th to 12th standard @ Rs. 300/-per quarter per child. Indira Gandhi National Old Age , Pension Scheme launched during November, 2007 provides for old age pension to all citizens above the age of 65 years and living below the poverty line. The State Governments have been asked to top up Central Government per capita grant of Rs 200/-.

Under the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana, 12 states have issued 5.11 lakh smart cards taking the health insurance cover to about 25.55 lakh persons during the current financial year till 22.10.2008. Statewise information is given in Annex-I.